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Please let us know what you would like to see in the Okyeame. Your suggestions, criticism and story ideas are most welcome!

Women's istor Month

When I started working on women's history about thirty years ago, the field did not exist. **People didn't think that women had a history worth knowing.** —Gerda Lerner, Women and History (1986; 1993)

Before 1970, women's history was rarely the subject of serious study. As historian Mary Beth Norton recalls, "only one or two scholars would have identified themselves as women's historians, and no formal doctoral training in the subject was available anywhere in the country." Since then, however, the field has undergone a metamorphosis. Today almost every college offers women's history courses and most major graduate programs offer doctoral degrees in the field.

The Women's Movement

Two significant factors contributed to the emergence of women's history. The women's movement of the sixties caused women to question their invisibility in traditional American history texts. The movement also raised the aspirations as well as the opportunities of women, and produced a growing number of female historians. Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, one of the early women's historians, has remarked that "without question, our first inspiration was political. Aroused by feminist charges of economic and political discrimination . . we turned to our history to trace the origins of women's second-class status."

New Social History

Women's history was also part of a larger movement that transformed the study of history in the United States. "History" had traditionally meant political history—a chronicle of the key political events and of the leaders, primarily men, who influenced them. But by the 1970s "the new social history" began replacing the older style. Emphasis shifted to a broader spectrum of American life, including such topics as the history of urban life, public health, ethnicity, the media, and poverty.

The Personal Is Political

Since women rarely held leadership positions and until recently had only a marginal influence on politics, the new history, with its emphasis on the sociological and the ordinary, was an ideal vehicle for presenting women's history. It has covered such subjects as the history of women's education, birth control, housework, marriage, sexuality, and child rearing. As the field has grown, women's historians realized that their definition of history needed to expand as well—it focused primarily on white middle-class experience and neglected the full racial and socio-economic spectrum of women.

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Women's History Month ...continues from page 1.

The public celebration of women's history in this country began in 1978 as "Women's History Week" in Sonoma County, California. The week including March 8, International Women's Day, was selected. In 1981, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) co-sponsored a joint Congressional resolution proclaiming a national Women's History Week. In 1987, Congress expanded the celebration to a month, and March was declared Women's History Month. Source: by Borgna Brunner Information Please® Database, © 2006 Pearson Education, Inc. All rights reserved. www.infoplease.com/spot/womensintro1.html











Narrated Exhibit "The Influence of Pan-Africanism on Ghana's Independence" **2 – 24 March**: Exhibit by members of the Foundation for Contempo rary Art

11 March at 2:00 p.m:

"Diasporans Answering Nkrumah's Call": Presentations by two Diaspora-initiated projects empowering residents of refugee camps in Ghana

11 March at 4:00 p.m: "Black Flicks": Lumumba:, Death of a Prophet

22 March at 4:00 p.m: "Icons of Pan-Africanism" - Lecture by Prof. N'Dri Assie-Lumumba, Cornell University

25 March at 3:00 p.m. "Black Flicks": Sankofa

All programs held at the W.E.B DuBois Center, Cantonments

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AROUND TOWN

North American Women's Association (NAWA) promotes friendship among North American women, and between North American & Ghanaian women. NAWA fundraises for charitable organizations that support women and children in Ghana. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. between September and May. Join us at 6:45pm at the Coconut Regency Hotel. Look forward to meeting new friends, supporting worthy causes in Ghana and participating in cultural and social activities. The NAWA published book, No More Worries, can be found in stores throughout Ghana. Check the www.noworriesghana.com website or go to www.nawaghana.com. Call secretary Carol Pietrvk at 0242 108273 (email: jcpietryk@yahoo.ca) or president Monica Carr at 0243 680799 for further information. "You are welcome."

Ghana International Women's Club Formed in 1980 with the intention of establishing a strong bond of friendship among 'women of the world', and fostering a better understanding of one another's cultures. Members organize fundraising events and volunteer work. Monthly meetings every 2nd Wed at **Kohinoor Restaurant in Osu** at 9:30 am.

Ghana Bead Society Develop knowledge, appreciation, and interest in beads in Ghana, both from a traditional and contemporary point of view. Monthly meetings at the DuBois Center, East Cantonments; 4:30 pm, first Thursday of each month. Contact Trish Graham a t 7 6 4 - 3 4 9 o r e - m a i I: trish_graham@hotmail.com.

Alliance Française Provides French classes for children and adults, and hosts numerous cultural events. Located on Liberation Link Road, Airport Residential. Tel: 773-134.

American Chamber of Commerce promotes commercial, economic, educational and cultural ties between the U.S. and Ghana. Their regular luncheon meetings are on the last Wednesday of the month at La Palm from 12-2:30. Tel: 247-562, 024-251-605. E-mail: a m c h a m g h @ g h a n a . c o m; Website: www.amcham_africa.org. Located at Hse #C609/3 5th Crescent St, Asylum Down.

Scottish Country Dancing The Caledonian Society of Ghana: Scottish Country dancing is back. All are welcome to join in at the Grasscutters club, every Tuesday night from 7.30pm. For more information call 0244 069 169 or e mail caledonianghana@yahoo.co.uk Accragio, a singing group open to expatriates and Ghanaians, is preparing its next program and welcoming all new singers, especially altos and tenors. For more information, please con-

tact Rodger French: deluxevaude-ville@earthlink.net or 024-664-9487.

Energize yourself and reduce stress with **Hatha Yoga** at YMCA Mon-Wed-Friday, 5:30 pm - 7 pm. Contact Peace on 024-422-6079 or 775-348 ext. 4277.

The International Players The International Players is a local amateur dramatic group that performs publicly. Anyone interested in amateur theater is invited to participate. For information contact: Trish Graham at 764-349 or e-mail: trish_graham@hotmail.com.

Bunko is up and running here in Accra! Fast paced, easy to learn, no skill required, (ladies only!) dice game. We meet monthly at rotating houses. For more info or to sign up, email Kylie at edhrncir@hotmail.com.

Theater Mirrors. A local Ghanaian acting troupe, begun in 1986, whose members perform every Friday night at **Bywel Bar**, located across the street from Sotrec Grocery in Osu. Admission is free. 8 PM. The acting group is also available for private performances. Call 024-678956 for details.

Ghana National Theatre Monthly Symphony Program "Sunday at Five" held the last Sunday of every month **is now at Christ the King Parish Hall due to renovations.** Still at 5 pm, still a bargain at 20,000 cedis, 665-735 or 663-467.

Friends of Bill W. Meet Monday evenings 7-8 pm near the Cathedral in Adabraka. Contact Ludwin 020-2018540 or Lydia 024-611385.

Happy Hour Fridays at 5:30 pm an informal group meets for unwinding at the Labone Coffee Shop. All are welcome.

Hash House Harriers (Accra) The Hash House Harriers has been described as a 'drinking group with a running problem.' However, non-drinkers and walkers are welcome. The Hash runs every Monday, with a 5:15 pm sharp departure. Location varies. Contact accrahhh@vahoo.com for details.

Hash House Harriers (Tema) is composed of Ghanaians and expats in and around the Tema area and welcome families with children. Every Thursday at 5:15 April thru October and 5:00 pm November thru March. Contact Frank Davis, at frank.davis@valcotema.com or call 020-201-1525 for information on directions to starting point.

Duplicate Bridge group meets every Tuesday night at 7:30. Any questions please contact Gerry Gray Thibodeau for information or to arrange a partner, 021-775-414. (evenings) **Pick-up Basketball** Tuesday evenings (6-8 pm) at GIS. Everyone is invited to join the fun. For

additional information, please contact Ted Lawrence (tlawrence@usaid.gov) or Rob Clausen (rclausen@usaid.gov). They can also be reached by telephone at 228-440.

Pippa's Health and Fitness Center in Osu runs **Tumble Tots** on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30-11:45 am for 40,000 cedis a day. Toddlers can run around, play, and climb on the gym's tumble equipment and meet other toddlers in the area. Parents or nannies are welcome. Call 22 44 88 for more info.

Mom/Dad & Tots (3 and under) at British High Commission Grasscutters Return. Wednesdays 9:30-11:15 am.

Taekwondo at Pippa's Health and Fitness Center. Adults and kids are welcome. Learn from National Champion Master Stephen Yeboah. Call for registration: 22 44 88.

Frisky's International Film Buff Club views films Tuesdays 7pm. Call lan at 0244 363017 or Katya at 024 329679 for directions or to receive a map by email.

Free Meditation each Wed at 6-7pm. Free pranic healing Wed. 10am-6pm. At the GMCKS Pranic Healing Center, 1st floor, Pyramid House, Ring Road central (Next to Alitalia). Website: www.pranichealing.org Phone: 0275089645 Mythili Raja Mohen

International Spouses Association of Ghana (ISAG) Are you a non-Ghanaian married to a Ghanaian? If yes, then come and meet others in a similar relationship. First Wednesday of every month at 5.30pm at Ghana International School film room. It's fellowship with some serious bits! For more information, contact Judd on 024-476-7063 or Nina on 024-477-8229 or email isag@ighmail.com

The Accra Tema Yacht Club (ATYC) is in Ada on the Volta River, 1½ hours from Accra, close to Manet Paradis Hotel. Races of catamarans and sail boats are held monthly. ATYC has 3 Lasers available for daily or hourly rental, a small bar and four chalets where members may stay overnight. New members are welcome as are day visitors for which a nominal daily charge is payable. Contact dmcallagy@gmail.com -or-Duncan.macnicol@asc-gh.com

African American Association of Ghana (AAAG). General meetings held every third Saturday of the month. 2-4pm at the W.E.B. Dubois Center in Cantonments. For more info call 021-785438 or sankofaaaag@yahoo.com

Fit & Fun Gymnastics Club for children from 2 years and teenagers. Learn the basics of movement improve flexibility, balance and body awareness. Gymnastics helps them learn self discipline, patience and have more self confidence. Call 024 3515889 for info.

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Community News and Events



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BBC RADIO AFRICA AWARDS

The Africa Radio Awards are about celebrating the best of radio broadcasting across the continent of Africa. The Africa Radio Awards is a chance for these broadcasters to show the rest of the continent what they've been able to achieve and to celebrate their excellence. BBC World Service will announce the winners of the West Africa Regional Final at a press conference due to take place at British Council on 20 February 2007 at 2:30pm.

AARON GOES INTO ACTION

Aaron mingled with the likes of Sir David Green, Director-General (British Council) and Hillary Benn, Secretary for Department of International Development at the launch of Debate to Action in the UK. Aaron Lawson, a trained teacher, a professional youth development worker, the programme coordinator for Higher Learning Ghana and a volunteer for RESPECT Ghana will make a presentation on the impact of DTA on his life. As done in Ghana, 20 young people from London will pilot the UK project and in turn cascade their learning to 20 schools and youth organisations, having an impact on over 400 young people. Read the press release.

SERVING SCIENCE @ CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE

A short topical science talk - leading to an invigorating discussion with the gathered participants. This is the format of the new and exciting Café Scientifique jointly launched by the Ghana Education Service (GES) and the British Council which was graced by the Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, the new Director General GES and Director Science Education Unit. This renewed focus is to foster greater interest from students with a view to shoring up the depleting numbers of scientists. More on Café Scientifique.

JOHN PAYNE AWARDED OBE

John Payne, former Director, British Council Ghana has been chosen by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to receive an OBE (Order of the British Empire) for his exceptional work for the British Council while in Ghana (2003 - 2006). 'I feel very pleased...honours like this are also an acknowledgement of the achievements and efforts of colleagues with whom they have worked. So I would like to say many thanks and the very best wishes to all my former colleagues in Accra and Kumasi

Education UK - Institution visits
Queen Mary University - 27 March 2007

Further details can be found at www.quartic-training.co.uk and of the program at www.cfainstitute.org.

For details on the other visits, send us an email or call us on (021) 683068.

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SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

Excellent housekeeper and a great cook, Joyce Anku, is looking for job. She is hardworking, trustworthy and has outstanding references. Please call her directly at 0243472026. (2)

Outstanding housekeeper and cook, Rose Dzamboe, will be looking for work as of April 1. She is efficient and always happy to take instruction and learn new things. Contact Joel at 0244-313-523 or jbsandefur@yahoo.com. (1)

Needed immediately: full time experienced and very responsible driver/Gardner that is good with pets and children, willing and able to help with house chores as needed and run errands. Call Ms. M. Spence 0244311944 or 773-465.(3)

Wanted: Cane furniture for use outdoors, dining/kitchen table chair, a chest of drawers for a bedroom and a washing machine. Please call 0246980077 (2)

Part-time gardener and handyman. I highly recommend Albert Bediako, who also can do some carpentry work as well as minor electrical repairs. Call Marilyn, 774-690, or contact Albert on 024-354-3814. (2)

Family in search of extremely loving cat or kitten. This is an excellent opportunity for an animal wishing to embark on a lifetime of world travel, abundant food, plentiful petting and boundless love. In return, we merely ask that the cat tolerate us (or make a decent show of doing so via consenting to frequent petting and cuddling. An occasional purr would be a big plus.) Please phone Laura at 024 433 0373 or email wanderingsalazars@yahoo.com with information on good candidates. (3)



USAID/West Africa is looking for a Ghanaian national to fill the position of **Computer Systems Manager**. Under the supervision of the Regional Executive Officer, the Computer Systems Manager will be responsible for providing day to day management of the Systems Office, including user supervision of equipment, computer systems engineering, systems analysis, programming, installation, testing, evaluation, maintenance of operating systems and application programs and

operation of computer hardware and peripherals.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Oversees the management of the computer systems and related issues for USAID/West Africa and USAID/Ghana, both located in Accra, as well as two client missions in West Africa:

Serves as principal supervisor of day to day computer operations for the mission's computer systems ensuring maximum network and server performance.

Performs LAN administration functions, overseeing the network configuration and security on all missions' windows 2000/2003 servers.

Designs develops and implements Mission Information Technology Security plan including computer systems disaster recovery procedures which minimize loss of data and/or systems, and ensure quick recovery from such disasters by implementing workable contingent system operation plan(s).

Develops long-range strategic office automation plans for the missions, establishes and implements Automated Data Processing (ADP) policies and goals; identifying and evaluating hardware, software and peripheral capabilities to meet these goals.

Ensures optimum operation of the VSAT telecommunications link with AID/Washington for World Wide Web (WWW and Voice on VSAT applications) and the dedicated link between main office and Mission's warehouse.

(You may request for the full job description from the HR Office or from smanager@usaid.gov)

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: EDUCATION: - BSc in Computer Sciences, Information Systems Management or its equivalent.; A Masters degree in the field of information systems management or equivalent is desirable. EXPERIENCE: At least five years of progressively responsible experience in networking, systems administration and user support, including at least one year's experience supervising other computer professionals. (Two years additional years of experience working in an assistant position in a large organization will be accepted in lieu of full supervision requirement.)

SKILLS AND ABILITIES: MS Exchange 2000/2003 and Ms SQL database administration; thorough knowledge of switches, routers, VSAT, VOIP, firewall, VPN and other communication equipment; substantial experience in the design, installation and administration of computer networks and application of computer based systems for analytical and administrative purposes; as well as good knowledge in web page design and development. Must be fluent in English. ANNUAL SALARY RANGE: \$ 129,590,000 to \$168,748,500

HOW TO APPLY:

Persons interested in applying should submit cover letter and resume with salary history to: The Systems Manager Position; USAID/West Africa P. O. Box 1630, Accra <u>CLOSING</u>

<u>DATE:</u> MARCH 9, 2007

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MISCELLAENOUS

Part-time gardener and handyman. I highly recommend Albert Bediako, whol aso can do some carpentry work as well as minor electrical repairs.

Call Marilyn, 774-690 or contact Albert on 024-354-3814

Mercy was my **maid and housekeeper** since September and have been impressed by her initiative and skills. She is excellent with children and pets and can housesit. Please call me, Marilyn Martz, on 774-690, or contact Mercy herself on 027-708-0803.

French-speaking nanny from Togo, former teacher with years of experience and mother of two, available for work. Call 0207396382. Would prefer to livein. (1)

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LifeFitness Equipment For Sale Would you like to own your very own Treadmill or cross trainer? LifeFitness Treadmills and Cross-trainers have arrived at Pippa's Health Centre Ltd. We offer delivery, insatllation, warranties and full technical support. For more details call 224488.(3)

VEHICLES FOR SALE

1997 Chevrolet Blazer 4x4. Mileage 102, 000 km. comfort: ac, power steering, powered windows, mirrors and driver seats. High quality stereo. Security: air bag, ABS aspect: looks nice, alloy wheel engine 4.3 L, petrol, V6(265 horsepower). Transmission: Automatic. Price: \$11,900. 0244-352 6005 (3)

Bennett Nyator, tel: 024 383 5294, is seeking employment as a **gardener**. Has worked for the past three years for the Management Counselor. References available. (3)

2002 Dodge Grand Caravan FWD Sport
Mini ASKING PRICE \$18,000 CD & Cassette player; Equipment 3.3 Liter V6 12
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4093 lbs. Power Door Locks. Width:
78.6 inches. Power Windows w/Driver
Side. Original Factory Price \$24,275
Contact Information 024-4327424 (3)

FOR RENT:

Beach House/Chalet at PRAM PRAM beachfront. 1 Bedroom, lounge, kitchenette, shower/WC, large patio, garden, water. Call Ricky at 0244-310066. (1)

Humorous Quote—"I feel so miserable without you, it's almost like having you here." -- Stephen Bishop **2005 Hyundai Accent**, petrol engine, A/C, only 6,400 km, duties NOT paid and has to be sold tax exempted. Asking price \$ 8,750; available end of February. Call Inga at 0243-317556 (inga.zacher@ded.de). (1)

For Sale: DSTV box and satellite dish for 2,900,000 cedis. Call Gail at 021-773-465 or 0244311944. (3)

003 Nissan Murano SE 37,000 miles. All Wheel Drive; 3.5 ltr. 6 cyl; Automatic Transmission; Leather seats; power seats and windows; A/C; ABS. \$25,000 or best offer. Duty not paid. 0244-313-523 or e-mail jbsandefur@yahoo.com. (2)

FOR SALE: 2 cd ROMs and 1 cd writer for \$50 for Rachel FOR FREE to a good home Indoor cat, neutered, $1\frac{1}{2}$ years old, male named Saffron Shy at first but warms up and is very loving once she gets to know you, no vices If interested call: 0244-311-499 Or: 763-709 (3)

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WANTED

HOUSING. Urgent. Diplomats looking for a safe and quite accommodation in Airport Res., Cantonment, East Legon or Osu with a swimming pool. No agent please. Tel: 0242 266 713 (3)

Housing Needed: Seeking new house, 3 bedroom for rent. Pref in East Legon, Osu, Labone, Cantonments, gated community or best alternative. Call Mikelle at 0243 019535 (3)

HIRING / DRIVER. Urgent. Wish to hire an experienced driver for 1-4 hours / week. Taxi driver OK. Call 0242 266 713 (3)

HIRING / HOUSE MAID. Urgent. Wish to hire a house maid who can cook Chinese, Korean or Japanese food. Please call 0242 266 713 (3)

POSITION WANTED / HOUSE MAID.

Experienced house maid who can cook is looking for a full time or part time position in a house with a place to stay. Please call Cecile 0242 266 713. (3)

For Sale: DVD box set: Season 1 of the TV series "24." Brand new. \$45 or best offer. Trading possible. Contact Claudia at (021)-77-33-17 or (024)-4-313-520. (1)

HOUSING NEEDED: I am looking for a 1 or 2 bedroom apartment but would also consider a guest house. I will also house sit. Contact Wade, a Peace Corps volunteer at 0243 525 989. (3)

WANTED: Used sewing machine. Email, jackjackfields@gmail.com233) 024-658-4537 (mobile) (1)

VEHICLES FOR SALE

Golf 3 1992 model Black Radio & CD player,manual Tinted windows and sporty looking . Mileage 265 000km Price: 53 million or US \$ equivalent (negotiable) To view call please call 0244 936 783 after 4pm Mon - Thursday, Friday after 2pm and weekend anytime during the day. (3)

For Sale: Toyota Camry 1999, 4 door sedan, automatic, 74,900 miles Excellent condition US\$9,000 or best offer Sedan, one owner, very well maintained, imported duty free Straw Sofa set large sofa, love seat, two side chairs, and table dark blue cushions \$160 for entire set 2 Straw/bamboo table and chair sets glass top table with four

chairs per set \$130 per set Large collection of plants all sizes - will sell for the cost of the Clay pots that they are in

Tamashi Split Air Conditioner 2.5HP purchased in March 2005 for US\$725. Will sell for \$400. Infrequently used.

Double bed box spring and mattress \$150 or best offer

DSTV Box and Satellite Dish \$150 Contact Dorothy Rozga, UNICEF 244 331 500 (3)

Wanted: Nissan Terrano or similar size of 4x4 car. Duty paid. Please contact Phil Marshall in Takoradi on 0244 509 445 or 031 30061 (home) or 031 25322 (office) (3)

Windsurfer Wanted: Second hand. Please contact Phil Marshall in Takoradi on 0244 509 445 or 031 30061 (home) or 031 25322 (office) (3)

SALE of FRENCH MATERIAL (books, videos, DVDs) will be held on Friday 23rd of February from 9-13 pm. If you have any bring them along, we can make some "trade" to ! Tel: 0242 266

713 (3)

FOR SALE: Leaving post. Available mid- to late March. 29" Multi-System Sanyo Color TV. 110/220v. \$400; 20" U.S. TV. Will work with AFN. 110v. \$100; Klipsch IFI IPod Speaker System. 110v. \$200; Kenwood surround sound tuner and speakers. 110v. \$150: Large Pine TV Entertainment Cen-\$700; Stainless steel ter/Armoire. coffee table. \$50; Ikea rocking chair and ottoman. \$50; Ikea butcher block table. \$150 Call 0244-313-523 or email jbsandefur@yahoo.com. (2)

1990 Honda Prelude. Sports car. AC, powered windows, ABS aspect, 16 valve, 2.0 L, excellent condition, fuel injection, unleaded gas, standard transmission. 230,282 Kilometers. Asking \$6,500. Please call Eko at 027-673-6877 or at 024-658-8617. (2)

Experienced, capable and conscientious housekeeper, Esther Ansah has worked for USAID staff and other American expats for the past 8 years. She is highly recommended, for whom she has worked for the past two years. Esther is an excellent cook, keeps everything spotless, and is always warm and cheerful. She is smart, honest and hard working. She will be available after March 10. Please call: 233-243439064 or 233-207460565, or contact Lorie Broomhall at Ilbroomhall@yahoo.com.